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Synopsis: LARRY FANNING, Executive Editor "Chicago Daily News", advises there is no truth to story that four men were arrested in Chicago on 11/2/63 carrying concealed weapons, one of which man was reported to be OSWALD. On 1/14/64, THOMAS VALLE appeared before Branch 46, Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, on charge of "Unlawful Use of Weapon". Subject found guilty on above charge and in addition was imposed a $5.00 suspended fine on a traffic violation. 1/28/64 set as date of sentencing for subject who was released on $100.00 bond.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LARRY FANNING, Executive Editor "Chicago Daily News", had previously advised that on November 2, 1963, four men were reportedly arrested in Chicago, Illinois, and charged with carrying concealed weapon. One of these individuals, according to FANNING's source, was believed to be the subject OSWALD.

SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON has periodically maintained contact with Mr. FANNING in an effort to determine FANNING's source for this story. On January 22, 1964, Mr. FANNING advised SAC JOHNSON that he had looked into the matter thoroughly and there was absolutely no truth whatsoever in the story. He stated he could not tell Mr. JOHNSON exactly how the story originated.

On January 14, 1964, THOMAS VALLE appeared before Judge GORDON B. NASH, Branch 48, Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, charged with "Unlawful Use of Weapon". VALLE had been arrested on November 2, 1963, for a traffic violation, at which time arresting officers observed a hunting knife lying on the front seat of VALLE's car. During the interrogation of VALLE by Chicago Police Officers, VALLE revealed he was very much against the present administration. On the date of trial, VALLE, through his attorney, PETER DMORES, entered a plea of "not guilty". His attorney submitted a motion to suppress the evidence on the grounds that the weapon in question was found in an illegal search of VALLE's vehicle. During the course of testimony by the arresting officer PETER SCHURIA, SCHURIA stated that the weapon was observed on the passenger side of the front seat. VALLE in testifying on his behalf stated that he maintained this weapon for protection purposes and kept the weapon on the front seat of his car. Judge NASH denied the motion to suppress the evidence. On the conclusion of hearing evidence Judge NASH found THOMAS VALLE guilty of the charge of Unlawful Use of Weapon, and assessed a $5.00 suspended fine on the traffic violation. At this time Judge NASH granted a continuance for a hearing on the sentence and set the date for sentencing as January 28, 1964. VALLE was released on a $200.00 bond.